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SUBJ: VISIT TO BURMA BY YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: VICE PRESIDENT DORONJSKI'S VISIT TO BURMA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE REAFFIRMATION OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CUNTRIES, WITH SOME CONSULTATION ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. DORONJSKI STATED YUGOSLAVIA'S POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, BUT THE BURMESE MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF INTEREST. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT WAS FRIENDLY BUT RESTRAINED. END SUMMARY.

1. YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT STEVEN DORONJSKI MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BURMA JANUARY 19-23 ON THE FIRST LEG OF HIS ASIAN TOUR, WHICH WILL ALSO TAKE HIM TO INDONESIA, NEPAL, AND INDIA. IN ADDITION TO MRS. DORONJSKI, HIS 16-MEMBER PARTY INCLUDED SLOBODAN GLIGORIJEVIC, MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND MIRKO OSTOJIC, ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY

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FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. WHILE IN BURMA, DORONJSKI WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NE WIN AND BY SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GENERAL SAN YU. (SAN YU IS THE OFFICIAL IN THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT WHOSE POSITION MOST CLOSELY CORRESPONDS TO THAT OF A VICE PRESIDENT.) THE PARTY TRAVELED UP-COUNTRY TO VISIT THE ANCIENT BURMESE

CAPITAL OF PAGAN AND SOME INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PHONE. MR. GLIGORIJEVIC MET WITH MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND FINANCE U TUN TIN AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY 2 COL. MAUNG CHO. NO INFORMATION WAS RELEASED ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. THE ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE VISIT WERE TOASTS AT A JANUARY 19 BANQUET HOSTED BY GENRERAL SAN YU. IN HIS WELCOMING TOAST, SAN YU WAS BRIEF AND RATHER PERFUNCTORY, REFERRING ONLY TO PAST EXCHANGES OF VISITS BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED. DORONJSKI'S REMARKS WERE MUCH LENGTHIER. HE STRESSED THE LINKS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:

--MIDDLE EAST. "THE CURRENT INITIATIVES HAVE NOT... REDUCED THE DANGER, NOR HAVE THEY SIGNALLED A LASTING SOLUTION OF THIS CRISIS. WE FEEL THAT A JUST SETTLEMENT IS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, THE REALIZATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT STATE, AS WELL AS THE SECURING OF THE RIGHT TO EXISTENCE AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION, ISRAEL INCLUDED."
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--HORN OF AFRICA. "IT IS ESSENTIAL...THAT A SOLUTION TO THE SOMALIAN-ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT BE QUICKLY FOUND, SINCE EVEN AT THIS STAGE IT ALREADY TRANSCENDS A LOCAL FRAMEWORK AND OPENS UP A WAY TO EVER GREATER INTERFERENCE BY EXTERNAL FACTORS IN THIS CRISIS."

--NEIO. "THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE NOT AS YET PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE CHANGING OF THE PRESENT INEQUITABLE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS....IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENGAGE IN MORE INTENSIVE ACTION AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

DORONJSKI MENTIONED A FEW OTHER ISSUES IN GENERAL TERMS, E.G., DISARMAMENT (HE'S FOR IT), APARTHEID (HE'S AGAINST IT), AND THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT (IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLES). THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND BELGRADE.

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4. COMMENT: THE ATMOSPHERICS OF THE VISIT WERE FRIENDLY BUT NOT PARTICULARLY WARM. THE BURMESE DULY TURNED OUT FLAG-WAVING YOUTH FOR VARIOUS CEREMONIES, BUT DID NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY FOR THEIR GUEST. AN OBSERVER AT GENERAL SAN YU'S BANQUET NOTED LITTLE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE BURMESE, THOUGH THIS COULD HAVE BEEN IN CONSIDERABLE MEASURE A LANGUAGE PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO ONE FAIRLY RELIABLE REPORT, THE YUGOSLAVS OFFERED TO PROVIDE THE BURMESE WITH SOME USED U.S. MINING EQUIPMENT AS PART OF AN EARLIER AGREEMENT TO HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONYWA COPPER DEPOSIT, AND THE BURMESE WERE UNHAPPY THAT THE EQUIPMENT WAS USED RATHER THAN NEW.

5. BURMA AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE LONG BEEN FRIENDLY BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR RULING PARTIES. TITO VISITED RANGOON IN THE 1950'S, AND NE WIN MADE A STATE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA IN 1974. ALSO, YUGOSLAVIA HAS SUPPLIED SOME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BURMA, MOST RECENTLY A \$20 MILLION

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THE VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE REAFFIRMATION OF THESE
FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE ASPECT OF THE VISIT
WAS PROBABLY CONSULTATIONS (WITH THE YUGOSLAVS DOING MOST OF
THE TALKING) ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE VARIOUS NON-
ALIGNED MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR.
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